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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting at Social Security Administration (SSA) on 29 February 1984

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1. On 29 February, the undersigned accompanied

(Deputy Director of Personnel for Special Programs) to the Social Security offices in Baltimore, Maryland, to meet with Mr. Jim Forbes (Acting Deputy Associate Commissioner for Retirement and Survivor Insurance). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Agency requirements associated with recent changes in the law mandating Social Security coverage for all new Federal employees hired on or after 1 January 1984.

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Giscussion (which was also attended by three other SSA representatives) by stating that we did not have any specific problems to discuss; however, based on past experiences in similar situations, i.e., retirement, we could reasonably anticipate that the Agency's need to protect the identity of employees will require cleared contacts to resolve associated problems.

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pointed out that we were referred to Mr. Forbes by the SSA office in Silver Springs as a good starting point in establishing required liaison. He continued that there were already some working relationships between the Agency and the SSA with respect to ongoing requirements, but that with mandated Social Security coverage the focus and requirements could very well change or be expanded. He reiterated that we did not have any specific areas in mind but merely wanted to establish a point of reference if and/or when assistance is needed.

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- 2. Mr. Forbes stated that since he was not certain what course the discussion would take, he invited certain officers whom he thought would be knowledgeable. As it turned out, two of these officers have direct contact with the Agency through the Contract and Allowances Division, Office of Personnel (CAD/OP). The others involved from SSA at the meeting were: Marlene Pegg, John S. Hutton, Eileen Feldman, the latter two being the contacts with CAD/OP. Mr. Forbes, although quite cordial, did not appear all that anxious to get directly involved in any liaison situation with the Agency, preferring instead to maintain any necessary contacts through Ms. Pegg's office. Although generally supportive, he gave the impression he would prefer to know as little as possible about the contacts.
- 3. There was some general discussion about the ongoing relationship with SSA and a general agreement was reached that, for the time being, we would attempt to resolve any problems arising from the newly mandated

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Social Security coverage through the existing contacts. However, it was understood that circumstances might require an escalation of the contact level should there be a requirement for any new major policy decision arising from Agency requirements. Lastly, it was agreed that Ms. Pegg would provide the names of SSA individuals who would be dealing with the Agency and thus requireing Agency clearances.

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